

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)  
(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
**INE-0061-D3**

In Re Application Of: **Oleg Shikhman**

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
<b>10/726,031</b>	<b>December 1, 2003</b>	<b>Kathleen C. Sonnett</b>	<b>23413</b>	<b>3731</b>	<b>4709</b>

Invention: **SUTURE LOADING ASSEMBLY**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of September 13, 2006 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☐ Two months    ☒ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: December 13, 2006    until: March 13, 2007  
*Date*    *Date*

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

☐ The fee for the extension of time is **\$510** and is to be paid as follows:

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **06-1130**

☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **06-1130**

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

/H. M. Bedingfield/  
*Signature*

Dated: **March 13, 2007**

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